

Absolutely unforgivable Sin is “Shirk”

Totally unacceptable act is Shirk

False deities have no power to harm or benefit

The term Shirk means associating partners with Allah, and the related term mushrik is applied to someone guilty of such polytheistic association. **Ash-Shirk ul-Akbar takes one outside the fold of Islam.** The opposite of Tawhid (doctrine of Oneness of God) is expressed by the Arabic term Shirk (polytheism) derived from the root Sh-r-k which conveys the notion of “sharing” or “partnerships.” The word Sharik (plural shurakaa) means “partner” or “associate.” It encompasses far more than the more blatant (obvious) forms of idolatry and denial of Allah’s Unity. Some examples of Shirk ad Du’a (invoking or supplicating to a false deity besides Allah) are given. False deities have no power, Allah has all powers.

- 1) Say(O Mohammed to mankind) How do you worship besides Allah something which has no power either to harm or benefit you”, **(Quran Al-Maidah 5/76)**
- 2) And do not invoke besides Allah that which neither benefits you nor harms you, for if you did, then indeed you would be of the wrongdoers.' **(Quran Yunus 10/106)**
- 3) And if Allah should touch you with adversity (hardship), there is no remover of it except Him. And if He touches you with good – then He is over all things competent. **(Quran Al-Anam 6/17)**
- 4) Say, "Shall we invoke instead of Allah that which neither benefits us nor harms us and be turned back on our heels after Allah has guided us?(**Quran Al-Anam 6/71)**

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- 5) Say, "Then who could prevent Allah at all if He intended for you harm or intended for you benefit? **(Quran Al-Fath 48/11)**
- 6) Say, "I possess not for myself any harm or benefit except what Allah should will. **(10/49)**
- 7) Say, "I hold not for myself [the power of] benefit or harm, except what Allah has willed. **(Quran Al-Araf 7/188)**
- 8) Say, "Have you then taken besides Him allies not possessing [even] for themselves any benefit or any harm?" **(Quran Ar-Rad 13/16)**
- 9) He(Ibrahim) said, "Do they hear you when you supplicate? Or do they benefit you, or do they harm?" **(Quran Ash-Shuaraa 26/72-73)**

10) Should I take other than Him [false] deities [while], if the Most Merciful intends for me some adversity, their intercession will not avail me at all, nor can they save me? **(Yasin-36/23)**

11) Did they not see that it could not return to them any speech [i.e., response] and that it did not possess for them any harm or benefit? **(Quran Ta-Ha - 20/89)**

12) Say, "Invoke those you have claimed [as gods] besides Him, for they do not possess the [ability for] removal of adversity from you or [for its] transfer [to someone else]." **(Al-Israa17/56)**

13) Allah says "That is only Satan who frightens [you] (to fear his Awliyaa) his supporters. So fear them not, but fear Me, if you are [indeed] believers" **(Quran Al-i-Imran 3/175)**

14) Say, "Indeed, I do not possess for you [the power of] harm or right direction." **(72/21)**

15) But they have taken besides Him gods which create nothing, while they are created, and possess not for themselves any harm or benefit and possess not [power to cause] death or life or resurrection. **(Quran Al-Furqan 25/3)**

16) Narrated Abdullah (RA)The Prophet (s.a.w.) said one statement and I said another. The Prophet said "Whoever dies while still invoking anything other than Allah as a rival to Allah, will enter Hell (Fire)." And I said, "Whoever dies without invoking anything as a rival to Allah, will enter Paradise." **(Bukhari 6/24)**

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